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H PASS: HONORABLE ROBERT P. GRIFFIN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

1. WE REFER TO OUR PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE
WITH YOU REGARDING THE PROPERTY OF
YOUR CONSTITUENT, MR. JOHN HUNYADY. THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS FORWARDED TO US
MR. HUNYADY'S LETTER TO YOU OF JULY 3
WITH THE REQUEST THAT WE ANSWER THE
QUESTIONS HE RAISES IN IT. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DOUGLES J. BENNET WROTE TO YOU
ON JULY 19 CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

2. AS MR. BENNET POINTS OUT, WE ARE
UNFORTUNATELY PROHIBITED FROM ACTING
AS AGENTS OR ATTORNEYS FOR U.S. CITIZENS.
CERTAINLY, HOWEVER, WE CAN DO ALL THAT IS
POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
HIM AND A COMPETENT ATTORNEY. WE HAVE
SPOKEN WITH LAWYERS HERE IN PRAGUE,
IN ROZNAVA, AND IN BRATISLAVA (THE CAPITAL
OF SLOVAKIA, IN WHICH ROZNAVA IS LOCATED).
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THE ADVICE WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATES THAT
MR. HUNYADY MIGHT PROCEED BEST BY WRITING
TO DR. VOJTECH TELEK, LEGAL ADVICE BUREAU,
ZAHRADNICKA C. 10, BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
THE LAWYERS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE WERE OF THE
OPINION THAT THE LEGAL OFFICE IN ROZNAVA,
WITH WHICH MR. HUNYADY HAS BEEN DEALING,

MAY HAVE MORE LIMITED CAPABILITIES THAN
WOULD THE LARGER INSTITUTION IN BRATISLAVA.

3. DR. TELEK, WHO STATED THAT HE WOULD BE
HAPPY TO CORRESPOND WITH MR. HUNYADY
IN ENGLISH (HE ALSO SPEAKS HUNGARIAN,
SLOVAK AND GERMAN), POINTED OUT ONE LEGAL
DIFFICULTY WHICH WE MUST BRING TO YOUR
AND YOUR CONSTITUENT'S ATTENTION.
THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE WE RECEIVED FROM THE
CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISING US
OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM STATED
THAT THE FUNDS COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A
"FOREIGN ACCOUNT," AND WE SO INFORMED YOU
IN OUR TELEGRAM OF JUNE 22. DR. TELEK
POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN SOME CASES
A "FOREIGN ACCOUNT" IS DEFINED AS AN ACCOUNT
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HELD BY A FOREIGNER. HE
SAID THAT SHOULD MR. HUNYADY EMPOWER HIM TO DO
SO, HE WILL INITIATE STEPS TO HAVE THE FUNDS
TRANSFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. WE ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL DO ALL WE CAN
TO ASSIST MR. HUNYADY IN THIS MATTER AND KEEP
BOTH YOU AND HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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